

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the kill motion. In Wyoming, and several states have been mentioned, I understand there is not going to be any change. The tax remains at eight cents per package with no sales tax. South Dakota presently has fifteen cents per package with no sales tax. It will increase to twenty-three cents per package with no sales tax on July 1st, 1985. In Missouri the present tax on a package of cigarettes is thirteen cents per package. I can't believe that we would increase or even pass this bill at this present time. In fact, I thought bracketing it till January was probably the best thing to do. But since the kill motion is here, I will vote for the kill motion and I do want to say one thing that I highly support the funding for scholarships, especially for the nonpublic schools. But I understand we do have LB 91, the bill introduced by Senator Goodrich to appropriate funds to Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for nonpublic schools. And we also have LB 64, funding for scholarships that is still...it is out of committee, both of them, so I think, as Senator Johnson said, both of these bills will be out on this floor eventually and they can stand or fall on their own merits. I support the kill motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, in reference to my good friend, Senator Chronister's remarks pertaining to the Devaney Sport Center and should we tear it down, Senator Chronister, if you will recall, we were promised a winning team if we built the sport center and I know some people that are willing to start tearing it down right now if you want to. However, I support the kill motion because we haven't got any money to earmark. We don't have any money to spend, so we are just being foolish when we stand up here and argue and do this with the money, do that with the money, because in spite of what Senator Chronister says, the administration is not going to give up that kind of bucks and cut the deficit budget. So I support the kill motion. If and when it becomes a reality, we can always do something with the money. We will find a way to spend it, believe me. So I would suggest we kill the bill and move onward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Rupp.